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Dear Mr LAM,

**Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
(Co-location) Ordinance (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 154 of 2018)**

We are scrutinizing the legal and drafting aspects of the subject commencement notice and shall be grateful for your clarification on the following matter.

It is noted that the Secretary for Transport and Housing has appointed 4 September 2018 as the day on which the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Co-location) Ordinance (Cap. 632) comes into operation, whereas the actual commencement of operation of the Hong Kong Section of the Express Rail Link would only fall on 23 September 2018. In this connection, please provide detailed explanation on the necessity for Cap. 632 to come into operation on 4 September 2018 before the anticipated commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the Express Rail Link on 23 September 2018.

It is appreciated that your reply in both English and Chinese could reach us as soon as practicable, preferably by close of play on 3 September 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JC' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

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